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SUBJECT: EMR RENOVATION, OBC MODIFICATIONS, AND MSG HOUSING

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 4330; B) BUENOS AIRES 3494; C) BUENOS
AIRES 3683; D) MAGUIRE/OROZCO TELCON OF JUNE 7, 1978

1. A/FBO SIGNING DOLS.64,000 CONTRACT WITH EDUARDO CATALANO ON JUNE 9 TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECS, AND WORKING DRAWINGS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE EMB RESIDENCE, THE ADDITION OF A MEZZANINE IN CHANCERY GARAGE, FINAL REVISION OF THE DESIGN OF A NEW RECEPTION PAVILLION INCLUDING THE DESIGN OF A CANOPY, AND THE DESIGN OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN THE CHANCERY XEROX ROOM AND CONSULAR RESTROOMS. AS POST APPROVED VISIT OF MR. CATALANO AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE (REF.D), HE AND MRS. DEBORAH FORSMAN WILL ARRIVE BA ON SUNDAY JUNE 11 FOR A VISIT OF APPROX TWO WEEKS; THEY WILL CALL ON THE ADMIN COUNSELOR THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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2. A/FBO EXPECTS CATALANO TO COMPLETE HIS WORK WITHIN 4-6 MONTHS. DURING THAT TIME HE MAY HAVE TO MAKE TWO ADDITIONAL VISITS TO BA.

3. IN ORDER TO FUND THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRO-

JECTS OUTLINED IN PARA 1, A/FBO MUST REQUEST CONGRESSIONAL

AUTHORITY TO REPROGRAM FY-79 FUNDS. IF APPROVED AND UPON COMPLETION OF MR. CATALANO'S WORK, THE DEPT HOPES TO AUTHORIZE POST TO SOLICIT BIDS BEFORE THE END OF CY-78 AND COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION IN EARLY CY-79.

4. THE PROPOSED CHANCERY EXPANSION REFERRED TO IN REFTEL(A) IS NOT CURRENTLY IN THE FBO 5-YEAR PLAN AND MUST BE THOROUGHLY EVALUATED BY ARA/MGT AND FBO. THIS IS A MATTER FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

5. A/FBO HAS INCLUDED THE COST OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MSG HOUSE IN THE FY-80 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET. IF THE PROGRAM IS SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY CONGRESS, A/FBO ESTIMATES THE STRUCTURE WOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY JUNE OF 1981.

6. A/FBO, ARA/MGT AND A/SY ARE REVIEWING POST OPTIONS FOR SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO MSG HOUSING PROBLEM OUTLINED IN REFTEL(C). THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE. VANCE

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